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SUBJECT: PRICE INCREASES

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FOLLOWING CORRESPONDS TO REQUESTED DATA IN REFTEL:

3. UNACCOMPANIED POUCH: PRICE OF AIRFREIGHT WENT UP BY 7 PCT  
AS OF FEBRUARY 1974.

4. REALTY RENTS: 14 PCT ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN REALTY RENTS  
WAS DUE TO LAREGE RENT INCREASE ON FBO-31 FROM DOLLARS 6,638 TO  
DOLLARS 10,213, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1974. PROBABILITY  
IS THAT PERCENTAGE WILL GO EVEN HIGHER AS EXPERIENCE WITH RECENT  
AID AND USIS REALTY CONTRACTS HAS BEEN THAT CONTRACT RENEWALS  
HAVE OFTEN REQUIRED 10-15 PCT INCREASE IN RENTS. ONE ADDITIONAL  
SAS RESIDENCE, FBO-35, MUST BE RENEWED ON OCTOBER 31.

5. TELEPHONE EXPENSES: ANTICIPATED INCREASE IN TELEPHONE  
EXPENSES WAS DUE TO INCREASED NEED FOR TELEPHONE SERVICE IN  
THE EMBASSY'S ADMINSTRATIVE SECTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE RAPIDLY GROWING NUMBER OF AID DROUGHT PERSONNEL.

6. UTILITIES: INCREASE OF 11 PCT REQUESTED TO COMPENSATE  
FOR UTILITY RATE INCREASE WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT IN FEB 1974.

7. TRANSPORTATION OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY: THIS INCREASE OF  
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DOLLARS 2,344 FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT OUTINED

ON SCHEDULES 9A, 9B AND 9C SIMPLY REFLECTS THE RAPID RISE  
IN TRANSPORTATION COSTS AS RESULT OF CONTINUING ESCALATION  
IN PRICE OF GASOLINE AND OTHER SUPPORTIVE  
COSTS TO TRANSPORTATION FIRMS CONCERNED.

8. REALTY REPAIRS: PRICES OF LOCAL SUPPLIES SUCH AS  
CEMENT AND PAINT HAVE INCREASED BY OVER 15 PCT, IN ADDITION  
TO INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 24 PCT IN THE MINIMUM  
WAGE FOR LABORERS EFFECTIVE IN MAY 1974.

9. VEHICLE REPAIRS: ANTICIPATED INCREASE OF DOLLARS 306  
OVER AND ABOVE FY-74 EXPENDITURES RESULTS FROM INCREASED  
AGE OF MOTOR POOL VEHICLES AND INCREASED DEMANDS ON THESE  
VEHICLES AS A RESULT OF STEADILY RISING NUMBER OF  
PERSONNEL.

10. ALL OTHER BOE SERVICES: COST OF EMBASSY CONTRACT FOR  
GUARDS AND GARDENERS WITH LOCAL CONTRACTOR HAS INCREASED AS  
RESULT OF EMBASSY'S NEEDS FOR INCREASED MANPOWER AND WILL  
INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY AS A RESULT OF AFOREMENTIONED GOVERNMENT  
DECREE INCREASING MINIMUM WAGES IN MAY.

11. ALL OTHER SERVICES: AGAIN, LOCAL PRICE INCREASES IN LABOR  
AND MATERIALS.

12. AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLIES: INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF GASOLINE  
OF 26 PCT EFFECTIVE NOV 1973 PLUS AN INCREASE OF 20 PCT OR MORE  
IN THE PRICE OF AUTOMOTIVE PARTS SINCE SEPT 1973.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLIES: REGIONAL SUPPLY CENTER (WACASC)  
PRICES HAVE RISEN APPROXIMATELY 10 PCT DURING PAST YEAR. LOCAL  
PRICES, ALTHOUGH THE PURCHASED VALUE IS FAR LOWER  
THAN WACASC, HAVE INCREASED 25 PCT OR MORE IN THE PAST YEAR.  
(EMBASSY'S OM OF AUGUST 30 TO A/ALS CALLED ATTENTION OF  
DEPARTMENT TO STRIKING INCREASE IN WACASC FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD  
ITEMS.)

14. MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES: AGAIN STEADY PRICE RISES IN LOCAL  
AND AMERICAN-PURCHASED ITEMS.

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18. PRICE INCREASE ON ALL OTHERS: INCREASE OF DOLLARS 62  
ANTICIPATED DUE TO PRICE INCREASES AS OF FEBRUARY 1974  
ON SMALL ITEMS PAID IN CASH.HECK

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